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Honorable Paul A. Crotty
 United States District Judge
 Southern District of New York
 500 Pearl Street
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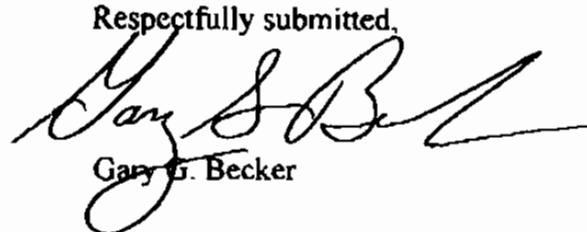
Re: United States v. Luis Rivera, 07 Cr. 481 (PAC)

Dear Judge Crotty:

With the consent of the government, I respectfully request that the next conference in this matter, currently scheduled for July 24, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., be adjourned to a date on or after September 8, 2008.

Mr. Rivera lives in Chicago, Illinois with his wife, Zoraida, who is at home recovering from major surgery for treatment of ovarian cancer. We request this adjournment so that Mr. Rivera, who is his wife's sole care-giver, can be with her during this very difficult post-operative and recovery period. The parties believe there likely will be a disposition at the next appearance. Mr. Rivera consents to an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act through the adjourned date.

Respectfully submitted,


 Gary G. Becker

cc: Rua M. Kelly, AUSA

MEMO ENDORSED